

Yeovil Played Under Handicap

INTERVAL FOG COMEDY

Injury first and fog second, played havoc with play in the opening half of the Southern League game between Yeovil and Chelmsford. From the time Haines, the Yeovil right-winger, got a leg injury Yeovil were struggling against a masterful side.

A NOTABLE absentee in the visiting side was Frank Soo, former Luton and Stoke City player, who had asked to be placed on the transfer list. Yeovil fielded the same side for the fifth week in succession.

YEOVIL.—Dyke; Hickman, Davis; Keeton, Blizzard, Paterson, Haines, Mansley, Foulds, Wright, Hamilton.

CHELMSFORD.—Crozier; Hutton, Bidwell; Thurst, Wick, Lane; Gowers, McCormack, Plunkett, Gallacker, Suttle.

Referee: Mr. H. A. Roberts.

Yeovil kicked-off before a crowd of nearly 10,000. Crozier was less severely tested with a shot from Haines, who beat Hutton, than was Dyke, who saved a terrific drive by McCormack.

In spirited opening play the Chelmsford defence showed up well, Crozier being quite equal to what shots came his way.

He proved his competence more and more as Yeovil attacks became methodical.

A Misfortune

Centres from Haines and Hamilton were intercepted in capable style. First cheers were for Crozier for the saves he made from Wright and Mansley.

Misfortune befel Yeovil in the 25th minute; Haines had to leave the field with a leg injury.

Haines returned and hobbled about on the wing. For a time play was in the Yeovil half and things did not look so well as Plunkett, the visiting centre, kept his wings moving with well-timed passes. Hickman, Blizzard and Davis, however, were difficult to get past.

Disorganised

Yeovil took up the running again, and Wright beat three opponents to fire in a great shot, but again Crozier was the stumbling block, as he saved on the goal-line.

With their right wing out of action, the spearhead of their attack fell to their left wing. Foulds, the centre-forward, made several attempts to break through, but in a well-organised defence he kept on meeting Wick.

A few minutes before the interval Chelmsford made a determined bid to take the lead and Dyke the home goalkeeper was warmly applauded for two masterly saves from Gallacker and Suttle. Heavy fog appeared to blot out much that was happening but both defences held out.

Half-time:

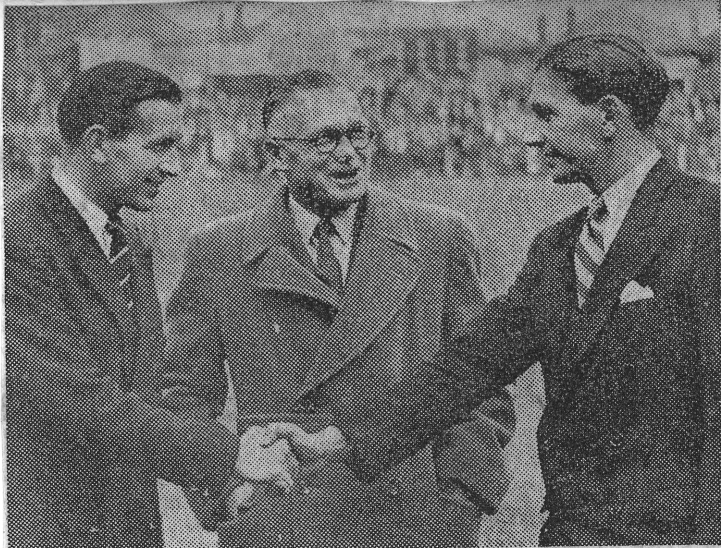
YEOVIL TOWN 0
CHELMSFORD CITY 0

During the interval, it was announced through the loud-speakers that the game was abandoned owing to fog. Spectators streamed across the ground, but hardly had they reached the dressing-rooms when, to the accompaniment of loud cheers, there was a shout that play would go on. The crowd scrambled back.

With Haines still limping on the right wing, the chances of gaining a lead diminished but it did look as though the visiting goal would fall when Foulds put his head to a Hamilton centre but Crozier was there again.

At length success came when, in the 55th minute, FOULDS headed in from Hamilton's centre.

Chelmsford threw themselves into the attack, Dyke bringing off a great save from Plunkett, who fastened on to a centre from Gowers.



GEORGE PATERSON, Yeovil's new player-manager, meets Alec Stock, his predecessor. Both were present to see the Yeovil v. Worcester match at Yeovil.

YEOVIL WERE NOT IN LUCK'S WAY

Missed Penalty, Disallowed Goal And Hickman Rushed To Hospital

IF luck had been with Yeovil on Saturday they would have won their game with Worcester with ease, but it was not to be, for fate stepped in, in the fifth minute, when Arthur Hickman, going up with Mogford to a high ball, received a badly-cut cheek and had to be rushed to hospital where five stitches were inserted, but there was more to come.

Young Phillips, who played like an old hand, got the ball into the net but the point was disallowed for offside.

There was some doubt about it, but to my mind there could be no doubt about the second goal which Referee Scammel disallowed as Phillips actually headed the ball over the full-backs head and also beat the Worcester goalkeeper in the same manner.

Penalty Miss

Then to crown matters, when Foulds was entrusted with a spot kick he shot straight at goalkeeper Jones who had no difficulty in saving.

For quite half the game Yeovil struggled without Hickman but they were far from beaten and it was they who did the greater share of the attacking.

When Worcester took the lead through their centre-forward Mogford, they were indeed fortunate, for he just managed to get his left foot to a shot from Jackman to deflect it past Dyke, who played a splendid game all through.

Goal Of Match

But the goal of the match came from the foot of Ray Wright standing well back during one of the many onslaughts on the Worcester goal, he drove the ball over the heads of the Worcester defence into the net to give Jones no chance.

Most of the attention was focused on young Phillips, leading the Yeovil forward line for the first time, and he did well. We shall be hearing quite a lot of him in the future I feel sure.

YEOVIL OFF ON 'ISLANDS' TOUR

13 Players Get Soccer Holiday In Jersey And Guernsey

By F.D.V.

SCENES reminding one of Yeovil's F.A. Cup trip to Manchester way back in January were witnessed at Yeovil Pen Mill Station last night when Yeovil set off on the first stage of their Channel Islands tour.

The party of thirteen players, comprising Stock, Dyke, Hickman, Davis, Keeton, Blizzard, Collins, Hamilton, Wright, Bryant, Rogers, Coffey and Hargreaves, were in excellent spirits.

They were to be met on their arrival at St. Helier this morning by officials of the Jersey Saturday Football League.

The Bailiff, Sir Alexander Coutanche, has arranged to meet the team at their headquarters, the Hotel de L'Europe, and he will personally conduct the players on a tour of the State buildings.

Play To-morrow

Yeovil's first match will be against a representative side of the Saturday Football League at the Springfield Ground to-morrow afternoon, after which both teams will be the guests at a ball in their honour.

On Sunday they will see some of the island's beauty spots in a 50-mile coach tour. And on Monday they are to be the guests of honour at the Football League's annual dinner.

After a free day on Tuesday they will leave for Guernsey on Wednesday and meet the island's team the following day. They will afterwards attend a ball as the guests of the R.A.F.A. The return journey to Yeovil on Friday will be via Southampton.

An unfortunate mishap to their captain and right-back, Arthur Hickman, who was off the field for practically the whole of the first half, prevented Yeovil from gaining full points in their home Southern League match against Worcester City. The game ended in a draw (1-1).

FIVE minutes after the start

Hickman collided with Mogford, the visiting centre-forward, and received a cut over the left eye. He was taken to hospital, where five stitches were inserted.

For long periods of the game, during Hickman's absence, Worcester dictated the course of the play.

The home defence experienced many anxious moments, but Dyke made a series of masterly saves.

Ray Wright, who took over the role of captain, marshalled his forces well, and the lively visiting attack failed to find an opening until just before the interval.

Mogford fastened on to a Jackman centre to give Dyke no chance.

The Equaliser

Yeovil's equaliser came two minutes later through Ray Wright, who snapped up a partial clearance by Newbould, who checked Phillips as he was going through.

For the greater part of the second half Yeovil kept the play in their opponents' half.

Brilliant saves by N. Jones (including a penalty) and the woodwork saved Worcester from defeat. Phillips and Foulds each hit the upright when a goal looked certain.

Interest in the game centred on 18-year-old Lionel Phillips, who led the home attack in place of Bryant. He

gave a highly encouraging and impressive display. Well built and strong, he showed clever footwork and possesses a powerful shot.

Also making their first Southern League appearances were the brothers Haines at left-back and outside-left. Both did well.

Yeovil were unlucky not to win. A valuable point was lost because Foulds failed to score from a penalty. He shot straight at the goalkeeper.

Gate receipts were £337, with attendance through the turnstiles of 6,182.